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Title: MUCO-ADHESIVE POLYMERS, USE THEREOF

AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir						
End	closed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.					
×	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.					
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \square \$55.00 (2814) \square \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.					
Also enclosed is/are						
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$385.00 (2801) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	Applicant(s) previously submitted					
	On					
	for which continued examination is requested.					
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.					
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.					

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	No	additional	claim	fee	is	req	uired.
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\times	An additional cla	im fee is required,	and is calculated	as shown below.
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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fe
Total Claims	83	MINUS 82 =	1	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 18.00
Independent Claims	16	MINUS 15 =	1	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 86.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee				\$ 104.00	
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee				\$ 52.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$ 52.00	

×	A check in the amount of	\$ 52.00	is enclosed for the fee due.
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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